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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR AKINS

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TAGS: MOPS, PBOR, SA

SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO ARAB/ISRAELI FIGHTING

1. FOLLOWING ARE MAJOR HEADLINES IN TODAY'S PRESS:
JORDANIAN ENVOY (GENERAL 'AMER KHAMMASH) HANDS HIS
MAJESTY FAISAL MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY HUSSEIN -
NO CEASE FIRE WITHOUT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES - SAQQAF HANDS URGENT AND IMPORTANT MESSAGE
TO KISSINGER (NO DETAILS) - SYRIAN FORCES CHECK ENEMY
GROUND ATTACK AND INFLICT HEAVY TANK AND PLANE LOSSES.

2. LOCAL MEDIA DID NOT PICK UP MENA ITEM ALLEGING
U.S. CARRIER-BASED PHANTOMS STRAFED EGYPTIAN POSITIONS.
DIRECTOR OFFICIAL SAUDI NEWS AGENCY ADVISED PAO THAT IN
VIEW OF FACT STORY NOT CARRIED BY SAUDI MEDIA, IT WAS
DECIDED NOT TO DISTRIBUTE EMBASSY RELEASE QUOTING
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S EMPHATIC DENIAL.

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3. EDITORIALS CONTINUE THEIR OPTIMISTIC TONE: AL NADWA

IN EDITORIAL, ENTITLED AS GOD MADE US VICTORIOUS AT THE BATTLE OF BADR, HE WILL MAKE VICTORIOUS TODAY HIS STRUGGLERS AND BELIEVERS, SAID: "ON THIS SAME BLESSED DAY IN THE SECOND YEAR OF AL-HIJRA, THE MOSLEMS UNDER THE PROPHET OF GOD ACHIEVED ONE OF THE GREATEST VICTORIES OF EARLY ISLAMIC HISTORY IN THE BATTLE OF BADR. THAT VICTORY WAS GREAT TURNING POINT WHICH CHANGED THE COURSE OF HISTORY... IN OUR STRUGGLE, WE AIM AT NOTHING BUT THE RESTORATION OF OUR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS. THUS, ON ALL THE BATTLE FRONTS, WE SHALL BE AS WE HAD BEEN DURING THE BATTLE OF BADR, WILLING AND INSISTING TO GAIN VICTORY, NO MATTER HOW BIG THE SACRIFICE."

UKAZ ECHOED SAME THEME: "THE ARAB NATION IS NOW FACING A HARD TEST, AND AS INVOLVED IN A FEROSIOUS WAR OF LIBERATION AND A HOLY WAR AGAINST THE JEWISH INVADERS... THE SIGNS OF VICTORY ACHIEVED BY THE ARAB ARMIES POSE GLAD AND BLESSED TIDINGS; THESE VICTORIES, ACHIEVED ON THE SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN FRONTS DURING THIS HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN, ARE BUT A NATURAL OUTGROWTH OF THE HISTORICAL; TRIUMPH IN THE BATTLE OF BADR."

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